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AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

The Court of Errors has just made a decision in reference to the wood payement in Broad st, between Market and Canal bridge Newark, which not only reverse the judgment of the Supreme Court, and throws the entire cost of that work upon the city, but will cause a change in the mode of assessing the whole cost of public improvements upon lands in the vicinity of such improvements.

The points decided were that it is no within the Constitutional power of the Legislature to impose as a tax upon the owners of adjacent property for any more of the cost of a public improvement than is equal to the benefit which such property deserves from the improvement.

That to the extent of which such adjacent property deserves a special or particular benefit from the public improvement the owners may be required to pay for it, but all costs in excess of the benefit must be borne by the public at large, and any legislative act contrary to this is unconsti-

It follows from this that the provisions of the city charter which require the total cost of street improvements, sewers, &c., to

ty are unconstitutional. The immediate effect of this decision is to vacate the assessment for the Broad st. pavement, and in similar cases to vacate assessments levied in other parts of the

TOWN COUNCIL.

At the meeting on Friday last, Abram Garrabrant, George W. Thompson, Ainbrose F Harvey, S. Sears Buldwin and John Furguson were appointed Pound Masters.

The following bills were directed to be paid : J. H. Way for provisions furnished for the poor \$20 ; J. H. Lockwood, ditto. \$47.09; M. Noon, ditto, \$81.

The former Town Collector was notified to produce his arcounts and vouchers since last settlement for a final adjustment and settlement at next meeting of the Council.

EUCLEIAN SOCIETY.

Whoever would like to be convinced of

pecially invited to come and witness one tor is totally without the disposition to A good number of citizens and ladies filled give my testimony to some of its peculiar tertainments of the past season. It was terms about the high character and genugratifying to notice several of the pastors, and some of the fathers, and also a representation from Montclair.

We cannot undertake to criticise in detall the several performances, and if we

The facetious critique of Mr. George Reband on the exercises of the previous meeting excited many a smile in the anditory and seemed to be especially appreciaeted by the members of the association. An cassy by Mr. James M. Chalmers on Sum- is that of true education, as distingui WER was well conceived and expre sed.

received. The debate was of special interest, The The debate was of special interest, The the most faithfull training can give. I question, "Is the imagination more largely think this combination, in one man's inpossessed and more fully developed in man than in woman ! was sustained in the at-Simative by Mesers, D. G. Garrabrant and H. W. M. Hawkesworth, and in the nega-- Faulke alone, as a vol unteer substitute for Mr. Halsey M. Burnett absent and Mr. C. C. Herrick, unprepared. Mr. Garrabrant gave the key to the tinct from and altogether superior to mere fancy which he allowed women to excel ciation, in, and by referring to four spheres of development and exercise of the faculty to try.

illustrate its use and its uses viz: laven HOME MATTERS. tion, the Drama, Musical Composition and Poetry-in all of which he claimed man was preëminent by universal cousent.

on all the points, claiming that invention aws very little on the imagination but is dependent upon the reasoning power At 7 a. M. 41º 380 330 24 21º 330 52 chiefly. In the drama he thought women At Nova had attained as great and greater eminence, &c. He evinced much skill in attacking his adversary and in defending his own

Rev. D. Kennedy and Stubbert and Prof. All public and local questions, including Root were requested by resolution to con-political and social, sanitary and reforms for together and report which side had the fer together and report which side had the better of the argument. Their verdict age. was in favor of the affirmative debaters Mesers. Garrabrant and Hawkesworth.

Mr. A. Waters of Newark recited in a most natural and expressive manner an in- that has changed the unknown and uncared teresting passage from Mark Twain and for Division Street into the beautiful Monafterward another humorous narrative. roe Place with sixteen new and fine resi-Nothing will be admitted to its columns both very much to the entertainment of dences is due to the enterprise and taste of

pose-by the President of the Association. Perfectly familiar himself with all the Montelair, by E. Madison; in Caldwell, d visions, the names of the several Gener-rency and kindred subjects, deranging or yb H. Harrison; in Verona, by W. L. als the plans and movements of the on-thwarting all plans of enteresing applications. posing forces and the cause of the defeat of the Union Army, he succeeded in making it as clear to the apprehension of the audience as the Sun at noo iday.

> This Association has never been on more prosperous footing than at the pres- but manly originator of it, whose name

NEWSPAPER POSTAGE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES .- Under the suspension f the rules, the House passed a bill providng for the free transmission of newspaper exchanges through the mails, and for the free distribution of newspapers within the county of their publication, but not by carriers. The vote by which this bill was assed was year 178, nays 41. The members from the country districts were almost unanimous in favor of this proposition, as the pressure from the rural publishers has been very great.

During the last two weeks, as we learn rom the returns of the Board of Health. here have been 180 deaths in New York from scarlet fever, and 123 deaths from measles. Thus, 303 children have died occupied by Mr. Edward Wilde, merchant, mines, Roses, etc., now in full bloom of a within a fortnight from two diseases,

The papers have been occupied with accounts of the loss of the French Line Steamer Europe which foundered at sea, the passengers and crew all being rescued by the steamer Greece of the

A real sensation has been created by he discovery of a conspiracy between a Doctor Euling of New York and a young woman named Louiss Germs to defraud the Merchants Life Insurance Company of \$10,000 in which they had in 1873 a joint policy for that sum on her life. The young woman was induced to go through sham death and funeral which the doctor reported and gave a certificate of as real, bricks being substituted however for her body in the coffin before interment, Prevarications in the Doctor's statements to the Insurance Company about consult ing physicians excited suspicions and induced the disinterment of the the coffin his homestead. The opposite corner is and the exposure of the fraud, The paries have all been arrested.

A YOUNG LADIES SCHOOL AT MONTCLAIR.

When anything of excellent quality seems liable to miss being fully appreciated, because its owner is too modest to push it into notoriety, I think that the intellectual character of our young men it is a kind of duty for those who know should be present at one of the meetings of its merit to make it known to others. It the Eucleian Society which meets on happens that one of the most excellent in-Monday evenings every fortnight, for Liter- stitutions in this vicinity is conducted by ary exercises and discussions. Most of our one of the most modest and unpretentions intelligent young men belong to it and of men-I mean Mr. Rodman's school for take an assigned part in its performan- young ladies in Montelair. I suspect that many of our people hardly appreciate its uncommon excellences, because its conducof their regular fortnightly programmes. praise and push it into notice. I want to the hall and we venture to say enjoyed tie merits. It would be quite unnecessary, in occasion as much as any of the costly en this community, to say saything in general ine culture of Mr. Rodman. But as a tencher he has certain gifts which are rare even among men of culture and character. other marks the born teacher, of arousing love of knowledge for its own sake. Discarding all rivalry and other art ificial should, it would only result in commenda- stimulus, he successfully cultivates in his tion of each for they were all excellent of pupils the desire to know, the active taste for elevated subjects, which is the root of all true mental growth, as well as an ennotifing influence upon character. He trains their minds to independent setion. They are constantly led to study the reason of things, and not to rest blindly on authoty, even the authority of the teacher meelf. In a word Mr. Rodman's system improvement through the community. from cramming. At the same time, he The Society Journal was read by Mr. Jo exceedingly thorough in that close drill of seph B. Maxfield, the editor, and was well in Latin, for instance, his scholars show a struction, of awakening the love of knowledge, training the mind to inde-pendent action, and developing accuracy and close application, is something very unusual. The fruits of it, as seen in the ogress of Mr. Rodman's scholars, will ustify all that I have said. The moral affuence of the school is pure and elevating in a corresponding degree. I should not perhaps have written thus if I had not whole discussion in opening the debate by believed that in this case, as often happens, defining the limits of the faculty as dis a modest man's low estimate of his own work somewhat affects other people's esti-mate, and hinders his receiving full appre-ciation. G. S. M. It is one of the best schools in the coun-

WEATHER CHRONICLE. Mr. Foulke took decided issue with him Range of Thermometer at Bloomfield Centre

BLOOMFIELD.

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PARISH MEETING.

At 9 P. M. 429 409 829 80" 840 580 619

The First Presbyterian Congregation Bloomfield, should not forget the Parish Meeting TO-NIGHT (17th) at 74 P. M., to take action on the subject of a new parson-

44" 41" 56" 82" 42" 694 64"

BLOOMFIELD IMPROVEMENTS.

MONROE PLACE.-The metamorphosis Mr. Joseph P. Hague, one of our younger One of the most intensely interesting citizens. The project at first quite startled features in the programme for the evening the older inhabitants of Bloomfield; and was the "Battle of Bull Run," succinctly then elicited unbounded praise from all and graphically described and illustrated Exents, not looked for however, the wide by a map which he had drawn for the pur- spread panic, with its financial embarrassments and business prostration, and the perversity of the National Congress in de points, the number of troops in each of the laying the needed legislation on the cur dertaking of Mr. Hague. Nevertheless, and beast. the character of the improvement and the very considerable success that attended his efforts reflect great credit upon the young will doubtless long be associated with that locality as-

THE HAGUE IMPROVEMENT. ITS PRESENT STATUS.-There are, in all, eighteen of these houses, five on the North side and thirteen on the South side of the street. Of the latter, five are not completed, but can be finished in a few

tral Avenue which is now undergoing much needed reroyation. The fifth house, French roof, has been rented, with the privilege of purchase, to Mr. Robert J. Daff, book keeper and cashier of the New York Weekly. The sixth is at present va cant. The seventh, French roof, is rented to Dr. Frank E. Bailey, homompath, and the eighth is occupied by Mr. George Pridham, owner; the ninth, tenth, and eleventh are not finished.

Mr. James H. Rundell is the owner of the fine mansion and ample lot on the corner of Monroe Place and Spruce Street-Mr. Fullman's, adjoining which, on Monroe Place, Mr. Fullman is preparing to erect as we are informed a large and handsome residence. Mr. Sheldon is the owner and occupant of the large old mansion and garden. Then Mr. Cross of New York has rented the adjoining house, and the next, lately occupied by Pridham, is Newark : Rev. Mr. Davis, late of Morrisown, has fixed his residence in the second and beautiful fence is the homestead of Mr. Hague, senior.

There are two vacant lots fronting the dence upon it.

Monroe Place when all are completed. terprise which results greatly to the ad. gardening; but great taste is displayed in

train due here at 7.15 Wednesday evening country might live." run over and Killed a pair of fine mules belonging to Mr. Augustus Freeman.

MONTCLAIR.

There is to be a very fine Parlor Concert for the benefit of the Episcopal Church in parlors of Mrs. N. Sullivan on Mountain Avenue on Priday evening, 24th inst. flavor found in the Spanish mackerel. Those will be fortunate who secure tickets.

The SATURDAY GAZETTE will always be vanced, many of the early vegetables ready on sale at the Post Office, and also at E. for the table, Madison's Stationery store.

There will be a sensation in the village next Tuesday, to be followed by others of the same kind at frequent intervals. W bespeak for the occasion fine weather.

The new Town Committee will meet for rganization on Saturday evening.

Mr. Neiderhauser's new store is to be oc cupied about May 1st by some ladies from Brooklyn who design opening a general millinery, dressmaking and fancy good

Mr. Mockridge has a line of samples in his Carriage Repository, and will soon be in comfort to the victorious contestants. readiness to manufacture and repair.

Cooper Bros. are among the latest arriv als in town, who have opened a meat and vegetable market in the old Romer Building on Bloomfield Avenue.

The Y. M. C. A. have transferred their hereafter to be used for their meetings. The half-past six o'clock Sunday evening meeting at this place is well attended.

The Town Committee have taken the come formerly used for reading rooms, in Jacobas' building.

The Local Option Committee have issued circular to every freeholder in the township explaining the law relating to henor selling in this place. It appears that pnly are the waters of life replete with charmals, the plans and movements of the op- thwarting all plans of enterprise, could inns or taverns can be licensed, and those not but seriously obstruct this im mense un. only who have accommodation for man

> Rev. G. W. Smith succeeds Rev. Jame Avers as pastor of the M. E. church. Mr Smith is a young man and is highly spoken of as a preacher.

THE CITY OF THE GULF.

(From our own Correspondent.)

MOBILE, March, 1874.

The town, as I stated in my last, weeks. They are all different in style and handsomely laid out, the streets generally architecture but exceedingly cheerful, and wide and at right angles, with many handinviting, and we are told that they are some residences, and grounds arranged well built and convenient, with gas and with great taste. Government street is water improvement. The lots are general. particularly beautiful, in fact I think the ly 50x150 feet, a few of them are larger, finest in the city. The mildness of the The two fronting the Park are built by a climate in winter, favoring the growth in most reliable builder, Peter Condit, and open air of many plants which with us at are attractive in style and appearance, but the North can only be safely kept in the will not be finished till they are sold. The green house, here are cultivated in the ate outsiders of the charmed circle! next house on the South side is owned and open ground. Japonicas, Azalias, Jas-It is one of the handsomest houses on the size and richness of coloring that would street. His lot is 100x150 feet. The next gladden the heart of the most enthusiastic two houses are owned by Mr. David W. floriculturist. The drives in the suburbs ask, what principle of party is at stake in Pierson of East Orange and are rented re. are very pleasant; the most so to us, is the pectively to Mrs. Wm. E. Rice and Mr. J. shell road skirting the shores of the Bay. and through the famed magnolia grove. The fourth house, white, is occupied at the trees of which line the shore for the green, and in their beauty about May, every township to see that the very beat when the fragrance exhaled from their fume. We meet also with large quantities High toned honesty and capability are the of Spanish moss, hanging in graceful fes. legitimate, and, indeed, the only qualificathe beauty of the scenery. Several country As a general rule we can't find these requi scats are passed on the road, the grounds of which, although showing neglect, are filled with a great variety of tropical evergreens, notably the bitter orange, now loaded with its rich golden fruit, delight-

ing the eye and making a pleasant feature n the landscape. The city is well supplied with churches and might with some truth be called the 'City of Churches." The Presbyterian, Episcopal, Baptist, Methodist, Roman Catholic are all represented. The Bantist church on St. Michael's street is thought to be the finest ; it certainly has a beautinext, with its acre and a half lot, orchard ful tapering spire reaching far towards the clouds. The Presbyterian Church, on Government street, is also a handsome edifice of the Grecian order of architecture. vacant. It is owned by Mr. L. Littell, of The clergy appear to be earnest and active. and minister to large congregations. could not but notice with regret the omis one from the Park, while the first one sion at the services I attended of the usual from the Park, with its matchless sidewalk prayer for the President of the United States and all in authority; it could hardy have been accidental,

The public buildings are not very pre Park, 75x175 feet deep. One of them be tentious in style; the finest is that devotongs to Mr. Theodore Ward, who intends ed to the use of the Custom House, Post sometime to erect for himself a fine real. Office, and United States Courts. It is a massive structure of Maine granite, and There will be some 24 beautiful and con- all arranged for the purposes for which it renient and most desirable residences on is used. A Park, in the centre of the city. not large, but nicely arranged, with an in-We feel it our duty again to suggest numerable number of lively, active souirthat the bold and courageous projectors of rels and a few tame deer is a pleasant such improvements deserve well of their feature. A visit to Magnolia Cemetery fellow-citizens. With sanguine hopes of well repays one for the time devoted to it. personal gain, but with imminent risk of The level nature of the ground prevents Surveyors of Highways Augustus Pow erious loss, they boldly undertake an en much advantage being taken in landscape vantage of the town. They spend large the arrangements of the grounds and the sums of money in the place, beautify the plots. I apprehend the heat of the village, turn its fields into attractive climate prevents the cultivation of the dwellings, increase its population, augment smooth grassy turf, which adds so much to its taxable property, and diffuse a spirit of the beauty of the Northern countries. A portion of the Cemetery is devoted to Like most geniuses these men often im- graves of Confederate soldiers and is poverish themselves, while they confer kept in much better condition than the Malasting benefits upon society and the tional Cemetery immediately adjoining, EXHIBITION OF CALDWELL PUB containing the bodies of some two or three housed Union soldiers, who fell near A NARROW ESCAPE. The New York Mobile, "giving their lives that their

Altogether this appears a pleasant place for a winter residence. The markets are good, supolied with many luxuries; the fish are particularly good -the red sampper, sheep's-head, trout, etc., with the bonita, found only in Southern waters, and esteemthis village. It will be given in the ample ed by epicures as the finest fish caught ; I, however, think it lacks the delicacy of

The gardens in the vicinity are quite ad-

CALDWELL (From our own Correspondent.) THE TOWN ELECTION. -There are no. mmediate signs of a political millennium in this township that I can discover. The same unyielding and inflexible purpose to paddle independent party cances is developed here that has been observable in Montclair and Bloomfield. There is, perhaps, exhibsrating sport indentified with such a spirited programme. Of course, there must be a winning and losing party in the contest for power and then the mysterious "spoils" are crumbs of unspeakable

However small the "crumb" offered now

a-days in the political market to these who

are officially called upon to partake of the nutritious particle, still, there is something so tempting in the morsel that selfsacrificing mortals clamor lustily for its attainment. Indeed, the army of office ending room to Association Hall, which is seekers outnumber the offices to be filled in The Smack in School the ratio of ten to one all over the country. there must be something wonderfully infatusting in the great political whirl into which these daring aspirants so recklessly rush. True the turbulence of the political waters-seething and foaming, intoxicat ing and threatening, as around and around they bear these martyrs to the public good, seem anything but inviting to ordinary mortals, yet to the actors incomedy, these ing fecilities! It is a wonderful thing tion. now to be igvested with a public trust! Humble and insignificant though this may seem, in itself, to the unsophisticated disciple of humanity, still, it furnishes at once a few attractive "pickricher gleanings at some futuretime. There must, therefore, be two parties in the political arena all over and everywhere. Modern patriotism runs too high to permit a yielding on either side. Measures here become nothing when weighed against flesh, bone, sinew and political life. The public good or pro bono publice, is a sentiment that belongs to the superannuated fossils of earlier times! It don't enter into the political vocabiulary of our modern schools. We change the phraseology to a more comprehensive signification and "Ring" is the magic word that jingles all over the continent in these eventful times. And what pretty melody

it makes to taxpayers and other unfortun-Will the time never come when our le cal offices will be filled by gentlemen selected by their fellow citizens irrespective of party ties! In the name of humanity, the filling of these places! Where is the issue! You can't find it except in the men are brought forward, for local office, blossoms ladens the air with delicions per regardless of their political orthodoxy. toons from the trees and adding much to tions required of these men by the people. sites in the wool dyed politician. We neither look for nor expect any such thing, and For the Saturday Gazette. the only way to secure these qualities in our public men is to repudiate party ties

I am glad to notice even a partial yield on this point here. Although two tickets have been run, still the Union ticket, with the exception of a few names, is a copy of he Democratic ticket; of course I refer to the township election of Monday last. The emograta as usual elected all their candidates. So for as I have been able to learn these are "good men and true," and have the entire confidence of the communi-

The amount to be raised here this seao be one third of the amount of taxes colected exclusive of the school tax. The following are the standard bearers of

his township for the ensuing year. Township Clerk-George M. Canfield. Assessor -- George C. Burnett.

Collector-Matthias S. Canfield. Judges of Election-Stephen Van Or len William H. Phillips.

Chosen Freeholders-Jotham E. Will iams, Lewis G. Lockward. Township Committee - Owen M Beach cobus, William Bush.

Overseer of the Poor-Nicholas Bush William H. Canfield. Commissioners of Appeals-James H

ler, Cornelius Kent. Constables-Thomas J. Courter, Will

liam Smith, Samuel Dev. Your correspondent is indebted Judge John M. Chesney for the above

LIC SCHOOL.

PRARRLIN DEPARTMENT. Last Thursday evening, April 9, the school house at Franklin was crowded to

its utmost capacity with the parents and

witness the first exhibition ever given by this setrool. The stage was neatly trimmed with flags. The programme was as follows :

Harrison. By Harry Backus. By Sarah Stager By H. Miller, E. Harrison Dialogue .. By Nora Bond. Hardscrable School Meeting. By 10 Buys.

By E. Van Ness. Ry Beruice Francisco. Great Expectations (in two parts) W. Kelvie, L. Jacobus. Mrs. Caudle-Dialogue F. Condit Dialogue By Tilly Bush, Affice Jacobus,

By 12 Boys. Song By E. Courter, S. Stager. By Harry Mille. Old Grimes By E. Garrabrant. Young Grimes By 19 Boys. Sam Weller's Valentine C. Kent, T. Van Ness.

Dialogue Hohen Linden By Harry Backus. Song . Miss Muloney on the Chinee. Richmond. By Mamie King.

By the School

Song Dialogue By J. Van Ness, J. Higgins The Pestered Man of Business. scholars. By 10 Scholars. Essay on the Horse

By J. Van Ness. Valedictory . -Although the programme was long, there was nothing tiresome about the exhibition. Everything passed off smoothly and each piece, by the thoroughness of its rendition, betokened much care in its prepara-

Many of the pieces, some, too, delivered by small children, were rendered in true

Where all did so well it might seem in vidious to praise any, but if any need s ings" with a hopeful prospective of special praise, I would give it to Master Backus, whose song was particularly well sung, and to Master Willie Richmond whose discourse on the Chinese Question was one of the features of the evening The songs by the twelve boys, who were dressed in rags, and who were called the 'Caldwell Public School ragshags," were very laughable.

Miss Nora Bond, one of the pupils of the school, presided over the organ in a very creditable manner.

At the conclusion of the evening's entertainment a quiet vote of thanks was given and thus ended the exhibition.

This school it will be remembered is one of the three districts that united last year. and are now building a new house which, when done, will probably be one of the handsomest school-buildings in New Jer. ening .- Reported by J. P. V.

LIGHTS AND SHADOWS OF HOUSE. KEEPING.

ABSENT HUSBANDS .- SECRET SOCIETIS. How quickly the last of the week comes around; thought I as I took my braket o' stockings to mend. Although not as many as usual, eighteen pairs were quite enough for one evening's work. The younger children were asleep, the two eldest in the li brary studying their lessons. I thought to go down and sit there and encourage them by my presence, perhaps render them a little help now and then. Taking up my basketfl was turning to leave the room when on, for township purposes is two thousand | Katy tapped and announced our neighbor dollars-for school purposes the same of a few months, Mrs. Jay. I can't afford figures are designated. Our road tax is an evening in the parlor without work, the children are in the library I thought, so I She is a woman of simple ways and I be-

"Now this is real nice" said she when she Moses A. Honge, Henry Dey, Isanc M. Ja- you alone as mine has and as he does very "Oh I didn't know but he belonged to the might have done." Masons and had gone to their meeting." No I am happy to my, he never has and never will belong to any secret society, he For the Saturday Gesette. heartily disapproves of them. "Do you think there'is any harm'in secret societies?" she asked. You have put rather a plain question to me, and upon a subject I feel very scrongly about. Mr. Jay, you say ,is a Mason. Perhaps you had better excuse me from replying; my answer might, not meet with your approval and I would seemto lack courtesy in expressing sentiments opposed to your husband and seif. "Oh as for that matter I don't know as I have any thought about it, save I don't like these societies and I tell my husband so. But he thinks women don't know anything about it, and its none of our business. So dont be sfriends of the school who assembled to fraid to say just what you think, I would like to bear what some one opposed has to say," Then to reply to your question. I em decidedly opposed to such societies, In the first place their secrecy indicate something not just right. It leads outsiders to it they fear the light! Why must such ar Barbara Fretchie By Willie Kelvie.

Restless Waves By Henry Backue.
Spelling Class Recitation By 15 Boys.

Posses obligations which no married man

The Letter-Dialogue. . By C. Kent, J and perhaps no citizen, has a right to ar "They who do evil bate the light.

These societies claim that their object to do good. But I think the evil they en gender is greater than the good they do. Then see how their members work in the community. You will find their class and cliques in every city and village in the country. It seems to me that no matter what the general principles of a man may be, in the eyes of his contrare, he is eligible to any office because of his society membership. When a society is in the secendency, you will see its members, nominated and elected to all the principal offices in a place whether outside of this fact they are worthy or even capable or not. Nor do I think secret societies at all compatible with republican institutions; and more, I greatly fear they will be in time the means of breaking down our government, and may open the way to a monarchy. Why you don't believe we will ever have a king in this country"! Yes: I think it not at all improbable. We may not live to see it, but our grand-children may. Then, independent of all this, anything which separates a husband and wife should be lamented and avoided. I don't believe a man with right views of this relation could ever deliberately unite with a secret society, or, if a member at marriage, be should drop his attendance then and forey-

er. I believe it has proved the foundation of many an unhappy household. If a man may withdraw himself from his family to attend secret meetings, and appointments of the society, why may not the wife have her secret societies and go and come at their bidding alsof This would make a very unhappy state of things. But if its right for one why not for the other! "But don't you believe that secret societies ever did any good?" I won't say that, but I feel sure that more good and less harm might have been done by the same, had they avoided se recy.

"My husband says, ministers belong to them too." Yes leut that fact proves noth. ing. Ministers make mistakes as well as other men, A minister in Brooklyn has been in the habit of drinking too freely. does that fact make drinking right? It seems not in the eyes of the people, for he was tried and condemned and debarred

But I'm talking too long and too plainly, Mrs. Jay. I told you I felt very strongly sey. Its cost will be about \$2 ,000. It upon this subject. "I never thought about will be done in August, and will be occu- it as you do but I can see much truth in it. pied for school purposes next September. My home hasn't seemed just as it did once It will be a graded school of eight grades, but I shought it must be because of the the highest grade attaining almost to the little one we lost." The tears came and I grade of a high school. During the past thought to change the subject by asking 'spoils" and this is the Alpha and the year the Eranklin branch of the school after her baby. "She remiads me so of Omega of the whole matter. It should be has been under the charge of Mr. Ety, a little May, I fear lest she will slip away the fixed principle of the leading men of gentleman from Union County, in this from me too. The leat three weeks I've night I thought the relief of going isto a five pupils-in all the schools of the dis- neighbor's would do me good." Upon trict about two hundred. I am glad to saking what she was using for it, I found say that although the intere t in schools that tree doses a day of soothing syrup were has been dormant for some time it is awak- regularly given. Did you give your little may the syrup tool "Oh yes, My New York doctor told me too. I have not had a doctor here, but have treated baby just May was" May died, said I, you fear this baby will die too, you say, She looked eagerly at me and said,"Don't my so, it would break my heart to lose this baby al-

w. Perhaps I've done wrong in not send-

ing for a doctor but she is getting teeth and there seems but little to do except to keep her asleep of nights". andI interrupted, so you give her a drop of laudanum a day to keep her quiet, and destroy that delscate little stomach! "A drop of Laudaoum!" she exclaimed "I did'nt know there was a particle of that drug in it," I have read there is half a drop in every dose. I lon't wonder so many bables die. You must take the last Scienc of Hoolth and read, "How to kill babies quickly." I think you wont give many more doses of soothing ayrup after reading that. I can't said, ask her up stairs to the nursery, my I just admire the style of writing so sarcastcally, but it will do good. With my lieve would be pleased with the familiari- six children, not one has had a drop of paregoric or dose of soothing syrup. I have been favored, 'tis true, with conscisaw me take up my work at the same time entious nurses. Too many nurses bring taking a baby's sock from her pocket and their bottles with them and drag the baby beginning to knit. I see you are left a when the mother knows nothing of it! It ione too, misery loves company, I'm glad seems hard that httle innocents should I came in. I looked enquiringly at her; suffer and be massacred for the depravity "Why your husband has gone out and left of unprincipled women. After a little she put her knitting in her pocket and ross togo. often." My husband, I replied, is at our Expressing herself gratified with the evenweekly prayer meeting, I was not able to ing's conversation she added. "Next time go with him as usual, otherwise he is gen. I'll bring my thimble, for I think that baserally at home evenings with his family. ket of stockings has not lowered as it

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Palermo, Sicily, March 19, 1884. This afternoon while rowing in the barbor under a real Italian, or more properly opeaking Sicilian eky, the old bronzed bostman, a good specimes of the barbarians who inhabit these southern labatds, pointed out to me an immense steam ship which was being loaded with oranges destined for the palate of many a New Yorker. That ship is one of a regular line to New York (the Anchor Line) which stope here once a month to take oranges and lem

As these ships are the largest that stop here, they excite a great deal of admiration on the part of the people, and speak a good word for America convincing them that it is the land of milk and honey. This same ship is the cause of this letter; it silrred up a desire to talk to friends seres the water, even if it was only by letter.

Tou have no feles what agonies of body have been through since Me last wrote

